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Colorado Ethics Watch
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Dear Ms. Taylor,

This letter is in response to your complaint against Council Member Ryan Frazier. You have alleged that Council Member Frazier committed a violation of Section 54-134(1) of the Aurora City Code by failing to fully disclose his sources of income or losses in his January 9, 2009 disclosure form.

I have reviewed your complaint, with attachments, as well as my files containing the disclosures submitted by Council Member Ryan Frazier. Corrected disclosures have been filed, along with a statement from Council Member Frazier that an amendment was being made due to the issue recently being brought to his attention, which alerted him to his inadvertence in not including his change of employment on the annual disclosure forms.

Your complaint itself pointed out, and included in Exhibit 7, proof of the fact that Council Member Frazier publicly announced at a city council meeting on September 18, 2008, (which was broadcasted on public television, as all our city council meetings are) "his recent decision to leave his employment with the Raytheon Corporation to move on to the Avaya Corporation." While you have stated that an announcement toward the end of a Council meeting is not a substitute for the disclosure statement that the Code requires to be filed, I find it to be clear evidence corroborating Council Member Frazier's statement that he inadvertently failed to include the change in his source of income.

Based upon all of this information, I have determined that there is no need to retain a hearing officer because Council Member Frazier has not asserted there was no violation. I have provided Council Member Frazier with a letter reaffirming the necessity of reviewing and updating these disclosures on an annual basis, along with an advisement that in the future, he should take steps to ensure this type of oversight does not occur again.

Thank you for your participation in our process, as we are always concerned about the integrity of government officials, as our open disclosure requirements indicate.


Debra Johnson
City Clerk